



Marlborough News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The school feels truly glorious with carol concerts, celebrations assemblies, children handing out gifts to teachers and groups of students busily putting hampers together for one of our school charities, the atmosphere is electric supported also by the anticipation of Christmas lunch later on in the afternoon, what could be better!

We have had a great term at Marlborough and we are well on the way to achieving the 'outstanding' grade I have always known our school is capable and deserving of.

Our students describe their school as being like a family and like every family there are highs and lows, I am delighted to say there are more highs than the lows and your children make me smile daily. Parental support as I say time and time again is crucial, giving the tough message isn't always easy but it does pay dividends, always!

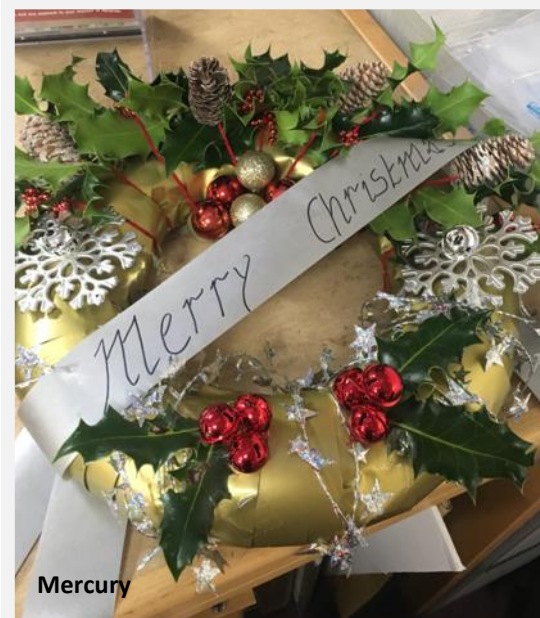
May your break be calm and peaceful, I hope you all get the opportunity to spend family time together in whatever guise, having fun and just making each other smile, that I know is what these few days are all about, family, love and gratitude.

Ms Thomson
Headteacher



Christmas in the LRC

Unfortunately the snow did affect some of our plans but we would like to thank you for the second hand book donations which were on sale to the students last week. The annual Christmas House competition was met with the usual fiercely competitive enthusiasm in making some beautiful Christmas wreaths.



And the winner is Mercury.

Primary Schools Core Subject Quiz

Whilst some may think the 6th December was when the geese do their laying (actually, the 12 days of Christmas begin on 25th December), others knew that the 6th December 2107 was actually a time for a little friendly competition between a number of local primary schools in the first ever 'Core Subject Quiz' run by The Marlborough Science Academy, with the help of students in Years 11 and 9.

St Michael's CoE School, Prae Wood, Mount Pleasant Lane and St Peters all went head to head in a quiz of conundrums focused on English, Maths and Science knowledge. In small teams of four the primary students were posed questions ranging from human biology to mathematic equations, from grammatical enigmas to physical forces, and from fables to factors. The rounds proved testing for all involved; however, students from all schools demonstrated their ability to problem solve, evaluate and in many instances, get the brainteasers right!

The second of four heats in the TMSA Cup, certainly saw some healthy competition and proved a resounding success. St Peters, the winners of 'The Core Skills Quiz', will be awarded the winner's trophy in the New Year. In the spring term schools will be invited to participate in the Big Book Quiz, before the final event in the Summer term, Let's Quiz About It, in June when the aggregates of all of the events will determine the winners of the TMSA Cup 2017.



Year 10 English Revision Guides

Year 10 have recently begun studying 'The Sign of Four' in class in preparation for their GCSEs. Please note that the extremely useful York Notes study guide can be purchased via the School Gateway for £4.00.



Congratulations to the following students -

Raffi Roberts, Amy Bilson, Lily Warren, Rosie Hilton, Connor Cruickshank, James Molloy, Harvey Knowles, Freya O'Regan, Tia Parsons, Harry Bateman, Ruth Mitchell Fox, Callum Cooper, Gracie Day, Nour El Gharib, Leah Wakeling, Ellie Brasington, Molly Burke, Ellie Moules, Natalie Simmons, Sonny Wood, Anna Visegradi, Sabiha Miah, Alice Bernardini, Anthony Knighton, Sumaiya Khanom, Reilly Richards, Kenzie Butler, Mohammed Ali, Sunny Burfitt, Abbie Thomson, Aya Abu-Qalbain, Callum Cruickshank, Rosie Hatherley, Kaylei Callaghan, Demi Hill, Maddie Watts, Leah Stevens, Aparna Arudselvan, Naomi Baxendine, Saima Parbin, Megan Godley, Angel Kelly-Morris and Kyle Allaway.

The Art Department

The Year 13s have been working tirelessly to meet their deadlines for coursework and complete the year with a huge and ambitious outcome for their mock exam. They have been determined and enthusiastic throughout this term and set expectations of themselves, really high. This has all been happening whilst juggling interviews for art college and many arts based University degree courses.

Indeed Kate Mercer (Head girl) has just come back today to the exam, after taking the morning off to be interviewed at Middlesex University to do a degree in Animation. She can be seen smiling below as they offered her an unconditional place on the spot! I am so incredibly proud of them all.

Ms Bustin (Head of Art)



PE News

PE have been incredibly busy this half term running extra curricular activities in Basketball, Football, Netball, Swimming, Cross Country, Rugby, Gymnastics, dance, Badminton and Table Tennis to name but a few. It's been really pleasing to see so many students engage with our clubs after school and would encourage more students to follow suit after Christmas as we start the long build up to the summer term.



We have been lucky enough to work with the Hertfordshire Mavericks Netball coaches to further develop our performances as well having the Performing Arts night to showcase our Gymnastics and Dance. This month we were visited by sport science lecturers from the university of Essex who will run our Year 11 GCSE, Year 12 and 13 Btec students through their paces before looking at university life which is in addition to our visit Wembley stadium university and continuing our partnership with the UCFB. To achieve recognition at the Secondary Sports School of the Year Award in the category that acknowledges a local secondary school that has provided excellent sporting opportunities to its students, as well as developing students into young leaders was also a great accomplishment.

It seems like only yesterday when we took the Year 7 students to the District Fun Run in their first week at Marlborough and it has been rewarding seeing the students settle and excel in their PE lessons. We look forward to the New Year and watching the students further develop their passions for sport.

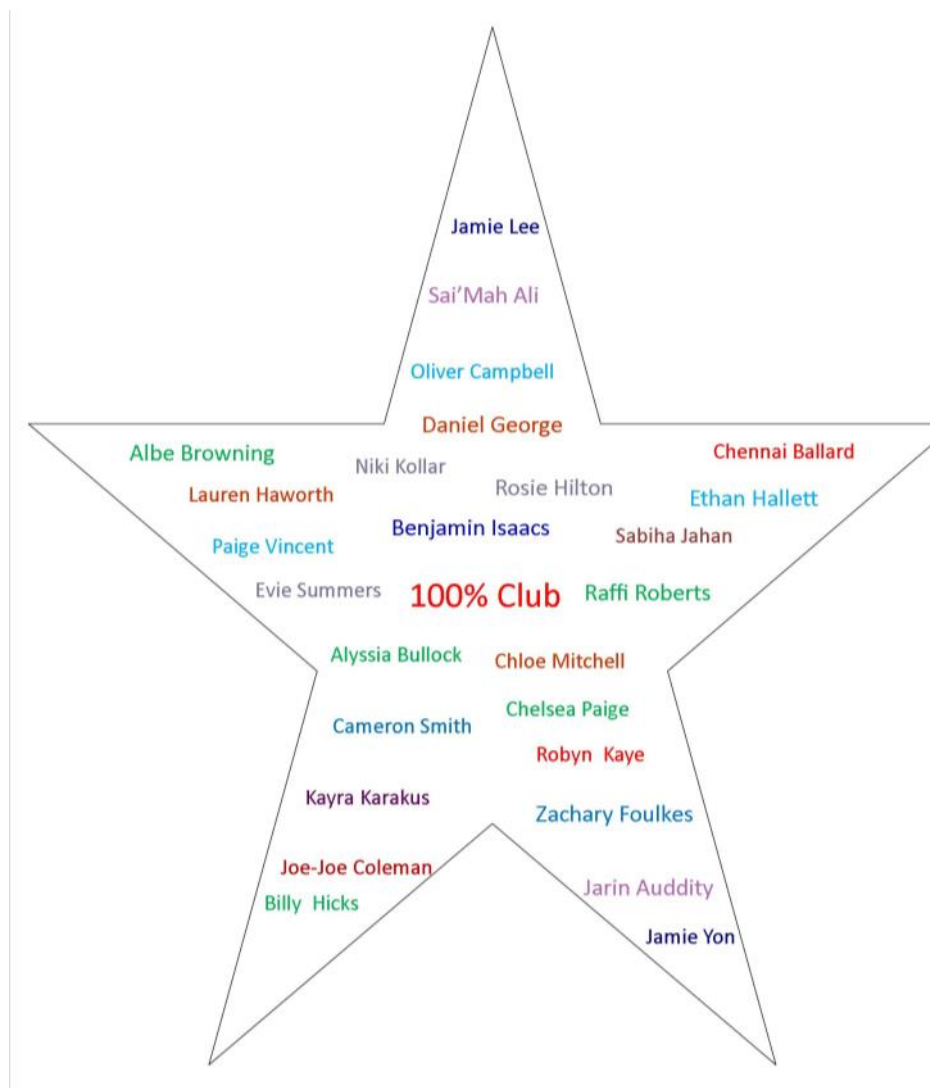


Girls in Years 7, 8 and 9 had the opportunity to be coached by England Roses Sasha Corbin last Thursday after school. They received some excellent feedback and a high quality session which focussed on movement, footwork and passing. The students worked tirelessly and showed real improvements throughout the session. Well done to all involved.

Miss Edwards

100% Club

Well done to these students who have passed two or more quizzes on Accelerated Reading and passed with 100% on each quiz.



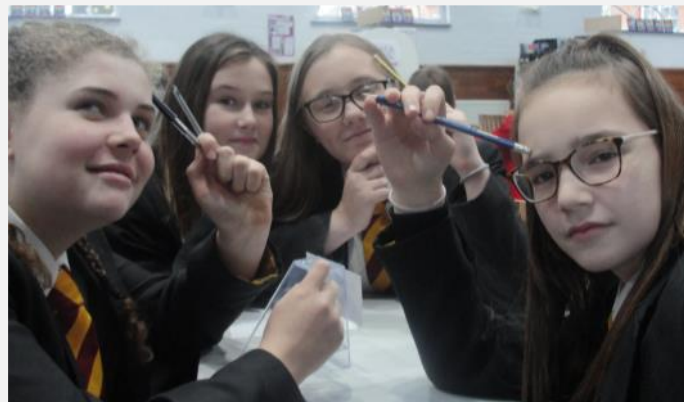
If you have any questions and not sure who to ask
please click here for the [general enquiry form](#)

Lego Winners

Congratulations to Alfie and Tom Year 7 who won the Christmas Lego Lab raffle.



Kids Lit Quiz



On 28th November 2017, an intrepid team of Marlborough students ventured to Queenswood School in Broxbourne to take part in the regional heat of the Kids Lit Quiz. With potential places at the national final in London and then at the international final in New Zealand at stake, tensions were running high on the school minibus as we set off across Hertfordshire. Erin Burke, Judith McCloy, Emma Ferguson and Lola Tisdale practised quizzing on the journey using rounds from previous years and were feeling very positive.

When we arrived, we were escorted through the grounds of the school to the beautiful converted swimming pool which now houses the School Library. We were confronted by seventeen other teams made up of Key Stage Three students from public schools in the North London region. Some of these teams were made up of highly trained quizzing machines who, as we later found out, had been reading and revising for the past twelve months, but our team faced them with a steely-eyed determination.

The Marlborough team held their nerve throughout the event, choosing to play their joker on the Science Fiction round and despite scoring more highly on other rounds, they did not lose their drive or focus. In spite of not being able to claim absolute victory, the girls celebrated being the highest placed state school at the competition and showed great resilience and pride in representing their school.

Ms Duncan
English Faculty

Xmas at Grace Muriel House

As part of their volunteering hours Leah Rowson, Hannah Robins and Jamie Wright from Year 12 planned a Christmas party for the residents of Grace Muriel Care home in St Albans. The residents enjoyed a Christmas quiz and sing along to carols. Hannah, Leah and Jamie made Christmas presents for the old people including little robin Christmas decorations and festive cakes.

Mrs Rutherford



'They are a blessing to have and we are truly grateful for their help and support and friendship to our residents. The help we get from your students is great and our residents look forward to their weekly visits.'

Grace Muriel House

St Albans Foodbank

Thank you for all the generous donations to the St Albans Foodbank and as usual we had to add the competitive element to the collections. Heads of houses bombarded their house members with reminders and emails to collect the most donations and a competition was held on Monday to see which house could build the most imaginative hamper. Your donations will be delivered to the Trussell Trust this week.



Mercury won again with their Nutcracker!

Christmas festivities at Marlborough



Thank you—we raised just over £950.00.





Amazing—Miss Warr in Humanities went for the chop yesterday, Mrs Baker was the brave person to cut her long hair and raised over £700 for the Little Princess Trust as well as donating her hair to the charity. Little Princess Trust provides real-hair wigs, free of charge, to boys and girls that have lost their own hair through cancer treatment and other illnesses.



Help out when you check out this Christmas

Collect FREE donations for **The Marlborough Science Academy** with all your online Christmas shopping!



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Collect free donations every time you shop the easyfundraising way,
So far over £1225 has been raised for the school using easy fundraising.

Welcome

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the DSPL7 Newsletter. In this edition we will be focusing on the work DSPL7 has been doing to support the provision for young people with Down Syndrome across Hertfordshire. We hope that it will give a flavour of the work that is taking place and let you know how you can get involved or be supported.

For more information on DSPL

Visit our website at dspl7.org.uk.



The website has content for parents & carers and also for schools and settings. It includes up to date flyers for courses and workshops within the 'Forthcoming Events' tab. There is also helpful information and numerous links to appropriate organisations under the 'Support for Parents and Settings' tab, and the 'Useful Links' tab. Within the 'Contact Us' tab, there is a form for registering your details for our mailing list. All pages include links to the DSPL7 Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/dsplseven/>

The DSPL7 support team



Staff changes Amy Belfield, Primary Autism Support Worker has left the team to take on a new role locally. We will greatly miss her contribution to the work of DSPL7 and the highly valued support she has given to families, we wish her every success for the future. We are very conscious of the gap in provision that is left by Amy's departure and have been working hard to find new ways to provide advice, guidance and support for our families during the coming year.

Team Structure Elaine Bridle and Margot Nichols share the role of area Manager, Elaine is also the Primary SEND Lead and Margot is the Secondary SEND Lead & Autism Lead. Janet McPherson and Liz King, provide the administrative support for the team.

Behaviour support for families. Families who have children with identified behavioural and emotional needs and are referred to Links Outreach Service via their school, can access additional family support. Family Support for behaviour is provided by Clare Tominey-Smith. Your Family Support worker can provide strategies and guidance on helping families cope with the challenging behaviours in the home and signpost to agencies that can provide additional support. This is a short term early intervention provision to help establish routines and boundaries in the home and to help tackle any additional issues of concern. The aim is to help create a stress free and safe home environment.

Early Years Support DSPL7 has funded an Early Years Specialist Support Worker to work with the children and nurseries to manage and change challenging behaviour, (including private nursery provision). Charlotte Hamilton, Support Worker, is accessed through Links AP Academy.

Please [click here](#) for the DSPL7 Newsletter - Dec 2017

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 20th December 12.00pm —End of term

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4th January to Wednesday 28th March

Thursday 29th March—INSET Day

Half Term Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April to Friday 20th July

Half Term Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

Autumn Term 2018

Wednesday 5th September to Friday 21st December 2018

Half Term Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November 2018

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th January to Friday 5th April 2019

Half Term Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February 2019

Friday 15th February—Inset Day

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 19th July 2019

Half Term Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2019



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